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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the cited specification paragraphs as follows:

[6] The driveshaft assembly of the present invention includes a common male component and a female component in engagement with the male component. The female component includes a yoke, a configurable segment, a positive stop member, a receptacle member, and a seal. ~~There are plural, optional. The configurable segments each having~~ ~~has a~~ predetermined length that corresponds to a particular ~~total~~ vehicle driveshaft length. The present invention therefore provides for common driveshaft components among vehicles having different driveshaft assembly lengths by utilizing a different length configurable segment in each assembly.

[18] The configurable segment 36 has a beveled end portion 66 which engages female yoke beveled edge 68 and a second beveled edge 67 which engages a receptacle member 62 ~~at stop 70~~.

[19] Receptacle member 62 includes ~~the a~~-welch plug 40 and a cylindrical member 72 which contains the internal splines 56B. The internal splines 56B provide sliding engagement with splined segment 56A (Figure 3) of the male component 32. The female component ~~34~~ ~~24~~ provides a grease aperture ~~138~~ ~~70~~ to receive the grease fitting 38. A seal ~~42~~ ~~(Figures 2 and 5)~~ ~~77~~ prevents debris and the like from entering into the female component 34 as the male component 32 slides relative thereto.

Please add a new paragraph between paragraphs [19] and [20] as follows:

--The beveled edge 56 on the reconfigurable portion 36 abuts a corresponding outer surface 68 on the yoke 60. Similarly, the beveled edge 67 abuts a stop 70 on the receptacle portion 62.

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Further, as can be appreciated from Figures 2 and 5, the seal 42 seals against an outer peripheral surface of the stem portion 54 of the mail component 32. As can be appreciated from Figures 2 and 5, the seal also abuts the yoke 100 at the end of the mail component 32.--

[20] Referring to Figure 5, the driveshaft assembly 80 has a length L_4 that is longer than the driveshaft assembly 24 length L_1 (Figure 2). Driveshaft assembly 80 includes a configurable segment 78 having a length L_3 . Driveshaft assembly 24 has a configurable segment 36 having a shorter length L_2 . Except for the configurable segment, the driveshaft assembly 80 utilizes the same components as the driveshaft assembly 24. The overall desired driveshaft length is therefore readily configurable with a minimum number of components. One thus selects any one of several optional length configurable segments to result in a total driveshaft length as desired.